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FIRE AT ANTIOCH DESTROYS BLOCK ON MAIN STREET

EARL MORNING BLAZE MONDAY DOES MUCH DAMAGE.

Another Stroke of Hard Luck for the Potash City—Only One Building in Entire Block Saved.

The larger portion of the business district of Antioch, the potash city, sixteen miles east of Alliance, was destroyed by fire early Monday morning, but one building in an entire block escaping the ravages of the flames. The fire broke out in the Frederick grocery store, which building adjoins the Antioch cafe and hotel, owned by Kiskis Bros. of Alliance. The blaze was discovered about 12:30 a. m., and although the entire population of the town was immediately on the scene, a very strong northwest wind was favorable for the fire and by 3:30 a. m., three hours later, the entire block with the exception of the last store on the east end, Holt & Campbell's feed store, was burned to the ground.

The only means of fighting the fire was by the old-fashioned bucket line, as there has been no city waterworks system operating in Antioch for some time. It was only by hard work on the part of the citizens that this last building was saved.

To make matters worse, the brisk northwest wind scattered live coals to the roofs of nearby residences, but fortunately the air was filled with snow, and a light rain and a freeze, with about three inches of drifting powdery snow, had formed a most excellent protection against the embers, otherwise the entire city south of the business block would surely have been destroyed. The fire fighters, realizing that it was useless to cope with the flames in the business block, which had gained good headway in the light structures, devoted most of their attention to saving buildings in adjoining blocks.

Loss From \$50,000 to \$75,000

The loss is estimated at between \$50,000 and \$75,000, only a small part of which is covered by insurance.

This has been the fourth serious fire in the unfortunate potash city in a remarkably short time. Springing from a growth of some twenty-five inhabitants to a population of 2,500 during the potash boom of 1917, the city has gradually dwindled away with the failure of the potash industry some eighteen months ago. Then followed the disastrous fires which consumed a large lumber yard, a million dollar potash plant, a large general store and outbuildings, and the fire of Monday morning destroyed the heart of the remaining business district.

Although the cause of the fire is not authentically known, Monday's fire was started from coal formed gases in the stove of the Frederick grocery store. Six of the seven buildings in the block were destroyed, an unoccupied drug store building, the Antioch hotel and cafe, Zoellner Bros. clothing store, which carried a large stock partially covered by insurance, and some of the other former business buildings were used as living quarters, while two were unoccupied at the present time. Fortunately there was no one injured and no loss of life.

Since the shutdown of the potash plants a few loyal Antioch boosters have stuck on the job, doing all possible to preserve the potash industry and interests of the city, but only last week the matter of dissolving the corporation of the city was brought up, and since the last disaster this will probably be done. In spite of general business depression, the city is kept on the map through the unceasing efforts of a local newspaper and other factors.

Dr. G. J. Hand Urges Cleanup During the 365 Days of the Year

Dr. G. J. Hand gave a very interesting talk on sanitation before the Chamber of Commerce at their regular luncheon Monday noon in which he told of the condition of the alleys of the town and stressed the necessity of a clean up. He also said that no simple spring cleanup would do but that "the only way to keep Alliance clean is to have a clean up 365 days in the year." The doctor told how flies and mosquitoes carried disease and how these insects bred and thrived on the filth in the open garbage cans. He further said that if a proper garbage and scavenger system were established that Alliance would undoubtedly be one of the most healthful cities in the world as natural and climatic conditions are most favorable. The members then discussed various ways and means of cleaning up Alliance and a good many valuable suggestions were made.

Floyd Lucas was appointed chairman of the ticket selling committee for the annual banquet, to take the place of the late E. T. Kibble. Mr. Lucas brought up the matter of inviting guests and it was finally decided that each member should be privileged to invite one or more.

COMIC SECTION COMING.

The Herald has long had in view the addition of a four-page colored comic section, to be issued, but we've taken our time to look over the field. Offers from the various syndicates have been coming thick and fast the past few days, and we've narrowed the field down to two or three, all of them the best that can be produced. Are you waiting only to hear from more New York firms, and then our decision will be made.

Herald readers will be enjoying a comic section some time within the next four or five weeks—and we're assured that it will be one with a much real humor in it as possible. It's got to be downright good before we put our John Henry on the dotted line.

Have you noticed the other features that we have been springing from time to time? Are you reading the Fannie Hurst stories, the best thing in the fiction line we've printed for months? Have you noticed the new sport page, and "That Little Game," its cartoon.

We've just placed an order for a new series of comics by Hanny, the well known St. Joe cartoonist, which are about the best we have come across in weeks. These will appear in an early issue.

The Herald's already might good—but it's going to be as much better as we can make it.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Wednesday with increasing cloudiness. Warmer tonight.

LABORER LOSES A FOOT WHEN HE FALLS UNDER CAR

BURLINGTON EMPLOYEE AT HYANNIS SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Ham Jarvis Forgets the Safety First Warnings—Now in the Alliance Hospital.

Ham Jarvis, Burlington employee at Hyannis, suffered the loss of a foot while bumping a ride from the Hyannis stock yards to the station Monday afternoon, falling under the trucks of a car in the west-bound train on which he had hopped to ride to the depot. It seems that when starting to alight from the moving train he either fell into or struck a switch stand, which knocked him under the train, crushing his foot and leg above the ankle.

Dr. Howell of Hyannis was immediately called and the train was set out on siding, thereafter bringing the doctor and patient with all possible speed to the Alliance hospital. Conductor Lander and Engineer Shawver had charge of the train no time was lost in making the trip to Alliance. At last reports the unfortunate section laborer was doing nicely after the amputation of the limb.

In spite of thousands of printed safety first bulletins and warnings for employees to keep off of moving trains, other than the regular train and engine men, in spite of their experience often meet serious injury or death, this is only another case of a most unfortunate accident where an employee who had no business on a train wished to take a chance, and in so doing barely escaped with his life, railroad men say.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

Donald Ives, 15 year old son of Mrs. Mary Ives living in West Lawn, died Monday, March 6 at St. Joseph's hospital. The body is being held at the Miller mortuary pending funeral arrangements.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Schafenberg of Casper, was taken suddenly ill Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of J. B. Kennedy at Ellsworth, his daughter, Mrs. G. R. Schafenberg and infant daughter having arrived only last week for a visit.

Although medical aid was quickly summoned the little one was taken by the Death Angel at 2 p. m. Monday afternoon, a defective heart being the cause.

Margaret Ellen Schafenberg was born in Casper, Wyo., January 29, died March 6 at Ellsworth, Neb., aged 5 weeks and 1 day. Funeral services were held at St. Bernard's church, Ellsworth Tuesday, today, at 2 p. m., by Father O'Keefe of Hyannis. Burial was made in St. Bernard's cemetery.

G. R. Schafenberg, father of the child, now a Burlington employe at Casper was formerly a foreman of a large ranch north of Ellsworth. He was notified of the child's death just in time to reach Ellsworth on the night train Monday.

Lee Bayse, county attorney, was able to return to his office today after a few days illness, due to a mild case of ptomaine poisoning.

The fortnightly club met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. E. L. Harris.

EPH. T. KIBBLE PASSED AWAY SUNDAY NIGHT

FUNERAL SERVICES TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Veteran Real Estate Man Succumbs to Pneumonia After Illness of Only a Week's Duration.

Ephraim T. Kibble, veteran real estate man, died at his home in Alliance at 9:40 Sunday evening, following an illness of only a few days. Pneumonia was the cause of death.

Funeral services will be held from the Methodist church at 2:30 Wednesday, with Rev. Mearl C. Smith in charge. Interment will be in the Alliance cemetery.

The active pallbearers will be A. J. Cole, H. B. Aiter, J. A. Hunter, E. C. Barker, Charles Brittan and W. R. Fite.

The final illness was of less than a week's duration, and friends were greatly shocked to hear of the bereavement. Mr. Kibble had been in good health during the years past. Only a short time ago he passed a physical examination for life insurance, having taken out additional insurance to the amount of \$15,000.

Mr. Kibble has been a familiar figure in Alliance and Box Butte county since 1907, in which year he opened a land office in this city. He was known, in his line, as one of the most genial and public-spirited of citizens, and had won a reputation for aggressiveness and fair dealing.

Ephraim T. Kibble was born in Edgar county, Illinois, October 30, 1861, and was over sixty years of age at the time of his death. His father, James Kibble, was a true pioneer, having come from Virginia to Ohio when that state was on the frontier, and moving on to Nebraska in 1870, where he settled near York. Ephraim Kibble received his schooling in a district school near York, and then decided on farming as his vocation. He remained at home with his father until January, 1888, when he was married to Miss Idella Hilton.

Six children survive: Mrs. Effie Rogers of Sheridan, Wyo.; Miss Bessie, who has been with her father in his real estate office; Blanche, who has been employed in Denver. Lloyd, a farmer five miles east of Alliance; Marie, a teacher in the Mitchell, Neb. schools, after specializing in music at the University of Nebraska Conservatory; and Clarence, who has been attending school at Chadron.

In 1907, Mr. Kibble disposed of his holdings in the eastern part of the state and came to western Nebraska. In addition to his real estate business, he was an extensive landowner, having over three thousand acres of land, as well as some city property. He owned 1,640 acres five miles east of Alliance, and a quarter section of land adjoining the townsite, which he at one time planned to lay out in city lots. He had also gone into the thoroughbred hog business.

Mr. Kibble was one of the first men to become interested in potash, and is said to have been the moving spirit behind the Nebraska Potash company, which built a big plant at Antioch.

The deceased was a member of the A. O. U. W., the Alliance lodge, B. P. O. E., and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. The Eagles will assist in the funeral services.

Three Arrested Saturday Evening By the Police

The police force put in a busy evening Saturday arresting three citizens who were fracturing the well-known Volstead act beyond repair. The first gentleman's friends decided that the fair city of Alliance would be a much more desirable place in which to reside if it could be freed from the curse of having policemen Stillwill and Jeffers also therein. Having come to this conclusion they so informed Officer Stillwill, who having his hands full with his prisoner was unable to fully go into the question. Chief Jeffers was not so burdened however and informed the would-be purifiers of the town that as he was present that it was a good time to start. Their wrath suddenly cooled, however, and for some unknown reason the police force was allowed to remain. Later in the evening two more joy-seekers were arrested and lodged in the city bastille. Those arrested are Roy Skiles, drunk and disorderly; Frank Gilleran, drunk and with whiskey in his possession and Julius Moffat, drunk. The last named was fined \$15 and costs in police court which he paid. Blaine Beckwith was also arrested the same night on the charge of exceeding the speed limit. Officer Stillwill who arrested him says that he was driving at about a speed of 25 or 30 miles an hour up and down Box Butte and Laramie avenue. The hearing has been put off as Stillwill is now in Illinois, where he has been called to testify in a criminal suit, and will not be held until he returns.

Donald Spencer broke his right arm just above the wrist Friday evening while trying to crank a Ford car at the creamery.

ALLIANCE FIVE OFF FOR STATE CAGE TOURNEY

BASKETBALL TEAM LANDS IN COVETED CLASS A.

First Game Comes Thursday Night at Lincoln Coliseum When Locals Pitted Against Geneva.

The Prince basketballers left last night for Lincoln where they will tangle in Class A with other teams for the state championship. Those making the trip beside the coach are Frank Dailey, Lester Cross, Raymond Brown, Captain James Fowler, Seth Joder, Robert Bicknell and Fred Purdy. The Herald will have telegraph bulletins on the results of all western Nebraska teams direct from Coach Prince. These bulletins will be posted in the Herald window every morning as soon as received. All the up-to-date dope on the tournament will also be published in Friday's issue of the Herald.

Coach Prince's blue and white leather tossers have been placed in class A at the state tournament and will clash in the first round with the fast Geneva five at 8 p. m. Thursday at the Coliseum, Lincoln. The Fillmore county champs have been stepping at a fast pace all season and this game will be watched with interest through all the state, as it is as much a comparison of western and eastern basketball as a contest between the teams.

Geneva, while only a small town, has been in class A for the past six years, and seems to be a town where they grow basket ball players. Although they have been defeated by Omaha Commerce and Central, they dumped Sutton which in turn had better luck with the Omaha teams.

If Alliance succeeds in taking the measure of Geneva, they will probably continue to speed onward, as Geneva has defeated Sutton, Clay Center and South Omaha, all class A teams. Geneva's season has been full of upsets, as they sometimes lose by large scores and then win from teams against which they were slated to lose. All things considered, there appears to be little difference in the comparative strength of the teams, although there is little by which to judge.

The teams' records are:

- Geneva 29, Exter 2.
- Geneva 24, Shickley 10.
- Geneva 24, Grafton 16.
- Geneva 14, Friend 11.
- Geneva 11, Hastings 38.
- Geneva 10, Omaha Commerce 24.
- Geneva 15, Omaha Central 16.
- Geneva 21, Fairmont 5.
- Geneva 20, Seward 11.
- Geneva 13, University Place 26.
- Geneva 12, Lincoln 19.
- Geneva 27, Nebraska City 18.
- Geneva 17, Shelton 8.
- Geneva 12, Sutton 11.
- Geneva 15, Creighton 30.
- Geneva 18, Havelock 10.
- Geneva 19, Clay Center 10.
- Geneva 29, South Omaha 22.

- Alliance 17, Chadron Normal 15.
- Alliance 27, Chadron High 17.
- Alliance 46, Hyannis 19.
- Alliance 17, Ravenna 27.
- Alliance 20, Ansley 13.
- Alliance 24, Aurora 6.
- Alliance 32, College View 14.
- Alliance 31, Havelock 19.
- Alliance 18, Wahoo 26.
- Alliance 12, Lincoln 23.
- Alliance 33, Waverly 15.
- Alliance 29, Gering 11.
- Alliance 32, Bayard 14.
- Alliance 27, Scottsbluff 17.
- Alliance 13, Sidney 18.
- Alliance 28, Chappell 17.
- Alliance 34, Oshkosh 16.
- Alliance 37, Bridgeport 4.
- Alliance 25, Bayard 18.
- Alliance 34, Chadron High 17.
- Alliance 26, Sidney 23.
- Alliance 28, Scottsbluff 17.

School House at Berea Burned to Ground Monday

The Berea school house burned to the ground early Monday morning. Two pupils, it is reported, arrived early and built a fire in the stove, and shortly after, Miss Esther Nation, arrived, it was found that the roof had caught fire. The flames gained so much headway that little of value was saved.

County Farmers' Union Meeting Was Postponed

The all-day meeting of the Box Butte county farmers' union, which was to have been held yesterday at the Fairview church, northeast of Alliance, has been postponed until next Monday, according to Alex T. Lee, county president. The program will be presented as originally planned, together with basket lunch at noon, and there will be both business and pleasure. Among the important matters to come up is the completion of the organization of a county-wide potato selling organization.

FORWARD, PUZZLE FANS.

In this issue, The Herald makes announcement of its P-word puzzle feature, which ought to furnish a few hours' amusement for everybody in the family, from grandpa down to little Willie. There is hardly a family without at least one puzzle fan in it, and the Herald's contest will provide interesting amusement for an evening or two, with a good chance that it may turn out to be exceedingly profitable. If you want a copy of the puzzle printed on better paper, write us. We will gladly send you one.

The Herald doesn't offer as large prizes as are to be found in some contests of this nature, but, on the other hand, the individual puzzle fan has a whole lot more chance to win the actual money than in any other competition of this kind. You see, it's this way—there are five or six thousand people competing for these big prizes, and The Herald expects only a hundred or two. It will be worth while, just for the fun of it, to solve the puzzle and send in your answer. Then, with very little extra effort, you can send in a renewal for your own Herald, and a friend's, and get a friend or two to subscribe, and qualify for the big prize. All of them are worth working for, but the more work you do, the better it will pay.

The Herald, you'll find, will satisfy the most exacting readers, and when the new four-page comic section starts, sometime this month, this newspaper will have every worthwhile feature, as well as all the news, written accurately and interestingly.

PRISONER WHO WAS MISPLACED HAS TURNED UP

VIRGIL SCHRAUTEMEYR IS BACK AFTER TEN MONTHS.

Judge Tash Remits Fine and Tells Him 'Tis Better to Raise Spuds Than to Raise Hell.

Judge Tash was mildly surprised Saturday evening when one of the victims of his disciplinary measures in support of the Volstead act, whom the judge has mislaid for 10 months, and almost forgotten, walked into the judge's office and surrendered himself to the mercies of the court.

It will be recalled that in April, 1921, as a result of a raid on the notorious Wilson barn, a quantity of liquor was found, and the lessee of the barn, Virgil Schrautemeir, was hauled into court on the charge of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor. The court imposed the usual fine of \$100.00 and costs amounting to \$15.35. Virgil was shy about \$113.35 of the amount necessary to liquidate, so he told the court if he were permitted to go down town, that he could borrow the money from friends with which to pay the fine and costs. Permission was given, with the understanding that he would return within twenty-four hours. The twenty-four hours was extended by the prisoner into a period of nearly eleven months. Schrautemeir told the judge Saturday that hiding and dodging did not pay, and that he had only about \$20 and would surrender and take a jail sentence or do whatever the court decided was best in the matter. He stated that he had an offer from Fred Trenkle to furnish him with ground, seed and tools to put in fifty acres of spuds on shares and that he could just about get through with his sentence in time to commence plowing.

The judge said, "I think it much better for you, and for the public, that you get busy raising spuds, instead of raising hell, and upon payment of the costs, I will suspend the fine during good behavior. Besides, there are some pretty hard boiled citizens in jail now and I do not care to expose you to their corrupting influences. Now, let the moonshine alone, stick to the farm, raise spuds, keep straight and you will have no more trouble."

Fred Vogel Sale Is Postponed to Thursday, March 8

In this issue of The Herald Fred Vogel announces that he has postponed his public sale, scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, for one day, on account of the funeral services of E. T. Kibble, which will be held on Wednesday.

Mr. Vogel asks that those who will attend his sale will take note of this change in date, and will help him circulate the information that the sale will take place on Thursday, March 8, at the same hour.

A letter received by Judge Tash from George Duncan states that the latter was just preparing to start for Alliance from Boise, Idaho, when he became ill with the grippe, but that he is now recovering.

Mr. Scott of Lincoln, deputy tax commissioner, was in Alliance Monday to explain some of the new tax laws to the county clerk and assessor.

SCHOOL BOARD INSPECTS PLANS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

SUPT. W. R. PATE GIVEN A NEW THREE-YEAR CONTRACT.

Board Decides Not to Lower Salaries of Teaching Force—Gymnasium Found to Be Ample in Size.

At a meeting of the Alliance board of education, held last evening, a number of important decisions were made. Superintendent W. R. Pate was given a three-year contract at his present salary and will remain at the head of the city school system. The board decided also that the salary schedule for other teachers will not be reduced, the same wage figures as were paid last year being placed in effect for the coming school year.

Within the next few days, the usual contracts will be made out and passed around to the various teachers. So far, only a few have nounced their decision to teach elsewhere. The retention of the salary schedule will, it is believed, result in keeping many desirable instructors on the faculty.

After the teachers' salary problem was settled, the board turned its attention to the new high school building. The plans for the building were gone over, and several minor changes suggested. On his way to the national education association convention at Chicago, a week or so ago, Mr. Pate stopped over in Lincoln for a conference with the architects, and suggested a few changes. At that time, the firm which is making the plans for the new building offered to send one of the architects to Alliance to go over the plans with the board, and it was decided to ask him to come to this city some time next week, when the plans will be finally approved.

A representative of a brick manufacturing concern was present and explained a display of various pressed brick and other material, but no action was taken.

Gymnasium Large Enough.

The fears of certain Alliance men that the plans for the gymnasium were inadequate have been discovered to be entirely unfounded. Several men who had given the plans the once over jumped to the conclusion that they did not provide a sufficient seating capacity for spectators at the gymnasium, and inasmuch as the gym is to be the chief feature of the new building, it was suggested that any such errors be remedied.

According to Supt. W. R. Pate, the impression of a lack in seating capacity was probably due to the fact that the objections did not see all the plans. The report was the new gym would seat only about two hundred, and this, it develops, it only a third of the seating capacity. According to the architect's plans, there will be ample room on the main floor for 312 spectators, and the remainder will be seated in the balcony, which extends on three sides of the big gymnasium. The drawings show that there will be room on the two ends in the balcony for 84 seats each, and on the side for 212 additional. The total capacity is thus over 600, and this, it is believed, will be sufficient to care for the demand for seats for a good many years to come.

Next Sunday the Last Service in Old M. E. Church

After thirty years of service, next Sunday will probably be the last time the Methodist people will hold religious services in the old Methodist church located on Fourth and Niobrara. They want the Sunday school to number at least three hundred, and all other services should be largely attended. In the evening, a special service is being prepared suitable for the occasion. Judge Tash will give an address on "Reminiscences of Early Days of the Methodist Church." A lady in the city who was present at the organization of the first Methodist class, some thirty-five years ago, will tell about that meeting. A number of people will take part in the service. It is expected that all persons who were converted, baptized and married in the church, and who have united with this church, who are now in Alliance, will be there for the last service.

The following Sunday, plans are being made to use the north part of the new church. District Superintendent O. S. Baker has written that he will be present for the morning service. It will not be called a dedication service, as the main auditorium is still unfinished, and the large social room which they will use for the present will be only a temporary meeting place. The dedication will take place when the beautiful new auditorium, which will contain the elegant mahogany pews, art glass windows and pipe organ, is finished and ready for use.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Muirhead, Rev. A. J. May, Rev. Mr. Cox, Chris Hansen and Mrs. C. H. Hughes were among the Hemingford people who visited Alliance Monday. They were in attendance at the county welfare organization meeting.